

Notice

Media coverage conduct rule for the Sarpy County Law Enforcement Center courtroom.

Effective June 1, 2009, by Nebraska Supreme Court rule expanded media coverage of Nebraska Trial Courts is allowed. Press members must familiarize themselves with the rule. (see: www.supremecourt.ne.gov/rules/external/2dJudDistCtyMedia.pdf)

Pursuant to Rule 2. General (A):

- 1) Journalists must present proof of identification to Sarpy County Sheriff verifying proper press credentials in advance of court hearing.
- 2) Courtroom gallery will be open to credentialed press corps at 7:45 a.m. for 8:00 a.m. court hearings.
- 3) Pool coverage shall be limited to one video and one still camera in use during court hearings. Unless agreed upon among the journalists, the first credentialed press member seeking entrance to the gallery will have priority use of the pool camera. As a courtesy to other credentialed press corps in attendance, copies/reproductions or live feed of court images and sound shall be offered to credentialed press corps members arriving after the pool camera operator has set up recording equipment in the gallery but prior to 8:00 a.m. Video will be permitted before 8:00 a.m., audio recording will not.
- 4) Camera must remain fixed on courtroom proceedings only. No gallery shots are permitted. No interviews or reporting are permitted in gallery. A court authorized location for the video and/or still camera will be marked within the gallery.
- 5) Once the hearing begins, press corps must remain in the gallery until the judge announces adjournment.

Pursuant to Rule 1 (B).

- 1) The judge may at anytime without notice restrict or amend pool coverage and media conduct rule.
- 2) All questions regarding media coverage must be directed to the Nebraska Supreme Court Public Information Officer, Janet Bancroft. (phone: 402-471-3730)